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# Legislature gives nod for clean energy grant



Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, in an effort to become more energy independent and lower the Nation's carbon footprint, voted to move forward with the pursuit of a grant to produce compressed natural gas as an alternative to fossil-based fuel.

The central focus of the energy project is an anaerobic digester that could convert organic waste material into natural gas, which would then be compressed for transportation fuel or possibly in homes heating fuel.

If the \$1 million grant is awarded, it would require a matching amount of \$1 million from the Ho-Chunk Nation. It passed with six votes in favor, three votes against and two votes in abstention.

"Because the Legislature approved applying for the grant doesn't necessarily mean we will go ahead with the project," said Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney Bryan Van Stippen. "First we'll see if we can obtain the grant and then go from there."

The Sustainability Energy Task-

force, created by the Legislature includes, Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relation Specialist Collin Price who presented the project to the Legislature, Van Stippen, HCN Environmental Specialist Kevin Gunderson, along with input from Representative Matt Mullen and Charles Opferman, senior vice president of Greenfire Services, Milwaukee, the consulting firm.

Investigation for the project, dubbed "Eco-Park," began in 2010 by the Taskforce and they have been working on the details ever since. The Nation obtained money to study the feasibility of the project and has since developed a conceptual plan. According to the breakdown, the Nation obtained \$150,000 and \$50,000 grants in 2010, a \$169,000 grant in 2013, and a \$149,270 grant in 2014. There is still \$97,900 available from the grants to conduct a public relations and education program for the public.

If the Nation should be awarded the grant and move forward with the project, it will create at least five good-paying jobs and provide compressed natural gas for the Nation's fleet and possibly for the public for purchase.

The anaerobic digester is just one aspect of the Eco-Park project. Another aspect is a transfer station and recycling center, Price said, showing photos of garbage on Ho-Chunk land that was disposed of improperly. The transfer station and recycling center would be a place where such items could be gathered and recycled.

In addition to natural gas being produced, compost would be a byproduct of the project, which would then be used to enrich soil. It could possibly be bagged and sold on the wholesale market.

"The biggest cost to the operating costs in labor, then the cost of compressing the

gas and finally some chemicals, such as those to adjust the pH of the compost," Opferman said.

One of the main messages Opferman emphasized is that the project is not a huge money-maker, such as a casino. But instead it should be viewed as a means to create some good jobs, save the Nation on some fuel costs, and to reduce the carbon footprint upon the natural resources.

"I'm not trying to paint a rosy picture, but I've been working with the Potawatomi on their digester and they're well into the black," Opferman said.

Subtracting the operating costs, Opferman has calculated that the Nation will be able to make a profit of about \$438,000 annually.

Compressed natural gas is cheaper to run and many commercial operations, such as Schneider International, a trucking company, have converted their trucks to compressed natural gas. Also, Kwik Trip is in the process of installing compressed natural gas fill stations and converting their trucks to CNG.

Production costs to create one gallon of compressed natural gas is approximately one dollar, he said.

Another possible byproduct of the digester is anhydrous ammonia, he said. Also, operators of garbage trucks generally have to pay "tipping fees" for disposing of the materials, so that money could be gained by taking garbage from various sources.

The Nation, by itself, does not create enough waste to

make the digester feasible, Opferman said. But there are several sources from the surrounding communities that may fulfill the requirements, such as Brockway, Black River Falls, Fort McCoy, and other cities and villages, plus industries and businesses, such as the prison, restaurants and grocery stores.

The grant is being offered by the federal Department of Energy - Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs.

As for the timeline, it will not be known if the Nation will be awarded the grant until March, and then it will take 90 days before the Nation will receive the funds.

Legislative Financial Examiner Clint Breed was asked if there was money in the general fund to cover that amount.

"There is \$1 million in the grant line item, but that is for all the grants for the Nation," Breed said. That amount could be increased in the next fiscal year or a portion used for this grant and the remainder derived from other sources.

Mullen asked Opferman about the construction time-

line, if the money became available on July 1, if it could be completed in one year.

Opferman said that six months would be needed for design work before construction could begin, so it may take a little longer than 12 months before completion, if the project were given a green light.

Additional funding for the project could be obtained from USDA Rural Development and the DOI Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development.



Public Relation Specialist Collin Price stands near the projection of an architect's drawing of a possible complex comprising of a recycling center, digester, a composting station, a transfer station and a compressed natural gas fill station.

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# Register and vote in what could be our last Secretarial Election

**Marlon WhiteEagle**  
Editor

By now, many tribal members have received mail from the BIA regarding an upcoming Secretarial Election. You have to register to vote by filling out the form and mailing it back to them to be eligible to vote in this election. Secondly, you must vote and mail back your ballot by a certain date for your vote to be counted. This is an editorial is an overview of the process and call to action.

The first thing to remember is we, the General Council Branch, have already voted in favor of these proposed changes to amend our constitution. It's merely a part of the process to make constitutional changes that we open our mail, complete forms, and mail back the forms and ballots.

I'm not sure what the thinking was when this process was first implemented, but it might have been, "If we do things this way, natives don't like signing documents, mailing forms, and participating in government initiatives. This will make our job easy since

no change will be afforded to those who don't participate."

This process can be viewed as the US government saying, "you savage natives need to ask the Great White Father for his blessing on any changes you want to make, and you better be darn sure of it."

Let's participate fully and make the changes we have already collectively agreed upon.

The first proposed amendment is to remove the requirement for Secretarial Elections to make amendments to our constitution. This measure makes the Ho-Chunk Nation more autonomous and strengthens our sovereignty.

This is a step that truly empowers our General Council meeting(s). I say meetings because if we have additional issues to address, we are not barred from having more than one General Council meeting. As our constitution currently states, "the General Council branch sets the policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation." The only thing the General Council won't be able to do is deal with hiring and firing of personnel.

One of the flaws within the Ho-Chunk Nation is family influence. Our elected officials are mostly voted in office based on their family and relative votes. If you have a lot of family and relatives, you might have a chance to be elected into office. Buying ads from the Hocak Worak does help as well.

Another example would be what way of life you practice. People tend to agree with people follow their way of worship. But lately, there seems to be mutual respect, or tolerance, among the different belief systems of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Whether that spills over to politics, we don't know that yet.

That being said, the democratic process is a bit skewed in tribal politics. We hope we vote the right person into office based on their platform. They want to change the same thing we would want to change. But once elected, the same people we elect change their views. Elected officials become "deal makers" to get things done. We essential lose representation.

I think of the elimination

of the requirement for a Secretarial Election will also reinforce and strengthen our representation as well. I see General Council resolutions as the will of our Ho-Chunk people. As they say, numbers don't lie. And if a resolution passes, whatever it takes to bring it to fruition, those steps should be taken. There would be no more "we can't do that because it is unconstitutional."

The second proposed amendment is to allow the longest serving legislator to calling for a special legislative meeting to vote for a new Vice President who would serve as president pro tem in case the president and vice president offices are vacant.

This change mirrors the US Constitution and is a safeguard to keep a government power structure intact. The occasion of two vacancies is a rare one.

Essentially, its legislature electing another vice president since the existing one has been removed or recalled. The president pro tem would only act as the president while the Election Board conducts a Special Election.

The system appears not to need this measure. But as Kafka said, "It's better to have it and not need it, than it is to need it and not have it."

The last proposed amendment is to eliminate the General Council from the disenrollment process and add the necessary language to rely on

evidence and DNA evidence presented in the Judiciary.

Currently, the steps for disenrollment a tribal member include a hearing before an Enrollment Committee, an appeal in Tribal Court, and lastly a vote of 2/3 or more at General Council meeting.

The DNA evidence should be sufficient. The General Council vote may not succeed due to needing 2/3 votes for disenrollment. Putting an individual through a disenrollment before all tribal members is a bit insensitive. If DNA proof doesn't stand, the court should be able to determine they don't meet the enrollment requirements.

Why can't those that don't meet tribal enrollment requirements be proud of their other heritage, whether it's another tribe or different race altogether?

We do have enrolled members who would fail a DNA test. It would be nice to operate on the honor system, but money is involved. Our enrollment doubled just a couple years after per capita payments began. How could we address disenrollment of fraudulent tribal members?

I agreed that disenrollment should go public with a General Council vote.

Please participate in the Secretarial Election to stand by your previous vote to make this proposed amendments a reality.

*From the desk of the*  
**Vice President Darren Brinegar:**  
**Greetings Tribal Members,**

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature held the last Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. A resolution of restatement of projects for reinvestment in Ho-Chunk Gaming was passed with a vote of 8-2-2. A resolution to extend the timeframe for negotiations and approval of a final term sheet and commitment letter with PNC Bank was passed with a 10-2-0 vote.

There were 3 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreements passed unanimously for Jackson County, Shawano County and Monroe County. 3 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreements were passed on November 3rd for Juneau, Sauk and Wood Counties.

A resolution for a quick passage amendment to the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance was defeated with a vote of 8-0-3. The Juvenile Curfew Ordinance is now out for a 45-day public comment period until January 2, 2016. The Probate Codes are out for public comment until December 3, 2015. If you would like to access the ordinance or codes online you can find them at [Ho-Chunknation.com](http://Ho-Chunknation.com).

The Tribal Census will be available online on December 7, 2015. There will be a Census Day on December 15, 2015 which will be a day to raise awareness about the Tribal Census. The paper version of the census will be available in early January of 2016.



**Vice President**  
**Darren Brinegar**

The Legislators and Legislative Staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! We hope you have a prosperous year in 2016!! Have a Safe Holiday Season! The next Legislative Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2015.

*Sincerely,*  
*Darren Brinegar*  
Vice President of the  
Ho-Chunk Nation

## Letter to the Editor

In response to the "Starfish Syndrome" article, submitted by the Hocak Worak editor, I was glad to see that there are those who are willing to question why some tribal businesses have failed.

In that article, the Editor mentioned a few of these tribal businesses that failed, or appeared to fail, to generate a profit.

In 2004, I was asked to apply for the manager of the Ho-Chunk Textiles operation in Tomah. I did and I was hired on as the manager and head designer. They looked at my past experience in the clothing business and I was told that I could go with what got me to the dance.

I started this business out west with a small crew of family and friends and soon we were a viable, successful business. We were a small group and ended up selling everything we could make. It wasn't casino money but it was a successful business that made a very good product that catered to many celebrities and luminaries.

When I started at HC Textiles I told my boss that I needed some things to be competitive in the textile/fashion field. I had a vision of what we wanted to be and how to get there.

The first thing I asked for was the Internet and a Web page. It took a year to get dial-up and we never got a Website built for us. I asked for more skilled sewers and

help on the selling and marketing end. We got neither. I asked to be able to go to shows in Los Angeles and New York to show some of our products. I was never allowed. There were excuses after excuses why we couldn't do this or that.

Our own casinos and hotels were to come to us for their uniforms, they didn't. Even after being told to, they still did not do business with us. This is a similar scenario for the other businesses mentioned in the "Starfish" article. NO support and NO help and people wonder why we can't seem to run anything other than a casino, (and we barely support those).

We are losing good customers, our service is suffering because we don't pay enough to get and keep good help. Even these gaming sites are subject to the same treatment. If they don't seem to make the money that is expected, their budgets get slashed because "they aren't making money." I know because I was there to see the affects of these ridiculous decisions.

I don't know how much more evidence people need to see to show that we need strong leaders that have business logic, acumen and the guts to make change. Without strong business leaders we will continue to pretend that we know what we are doing.

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# Red Cross asks for blood donations this holiday season

## Be part of something meaningful by giving blood

Submitted by Tracy Fox, American Red Cross

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to end the year with real meaning by donating blood for hospital patients in need.

Holiday activities, severe weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can pull people away from their regular blood donation schedules. This creates a greater need for blood donations this time of year, especially around the winter holidays. To encourage donations, all those who come to donate Dec. 23, 2015, through Jan. 3, 2016, will get a long-sleeve Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Jamie Czesak made her first blood donation on Dec. 27, 2013. "As I spent Christmas with my family, I realized how lucky I was to have my health and how we never really know when our last Christmas will be. I decided that I would face my fears and do one of the few things I can do to help save someone's life donate blood."

Healthy donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types AB, O, B negative and A negative. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can now use the Blood Donor App to access their donor card and view vital signs from previous donations.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

**Clark County, WI**  
**Neillsville**  
12/22/2015: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., OEM Fabricators Incorporated, 1701 Industrial Park Dr.

**Owen**  
12/30/2015: 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Clark County Rehabilitation and Living Center, W4266 State Road 29

**Green Lake County, WI**  
**Green Lake**  
12/16/2015: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Green Lake High School, 612 Mill St.

**Jackson County, WI**  
**Black River Falls**  
12/18/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Black River Memorial Hospital, 711 W Adams St.

**Juneau County, WI**  
**Elroy**  
12/31/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Royall High School, 1500 Academy

**La Crosse County, WI**  
**Holmen**  
12/30/2015: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Holmen American Legion Hall, 419 First Ave. W.

**La Crosse**  
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., La Crosse Blood Donation Center, 1431 State Hwy. 16

12/31/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Valley View Mall, 3800 State Rd. 16

**Langlade County, WI**  
**Antigo**  
12/31/2015: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 300 Lincoln St.

**Marathon County, WI**  
**Wausau**  
12/29/2015: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Performing Arts Foundation, 401 N Fourth St.

**Marquette County, WI**  
**Westfield**  
12/17/2015: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Westfield Area High School, N7046 Cty. Rd. CH

**Portage County, WI**  
**Amherst**  
12/21/2015: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 293 S. Main St.

**Stevens Point**  
12/18/2015: 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Stevens Point Blood Donation Center, 3201C Main St.

**Vernon County, WI**  
**Hillsboro**  
12/16/2015: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hillsboro Firemen's Community Center, 203 Mill St.

**La Farge**  
12/17/2015: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Organic Valley Family of Farms, One Organic Way

**Viroqua**  
12/29/2015: 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 504 S. Main

**Waupaca County, WI**  
**Iola**  
12/22/2015: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Community Fitness & Aquatic Center, Adjacent to HS

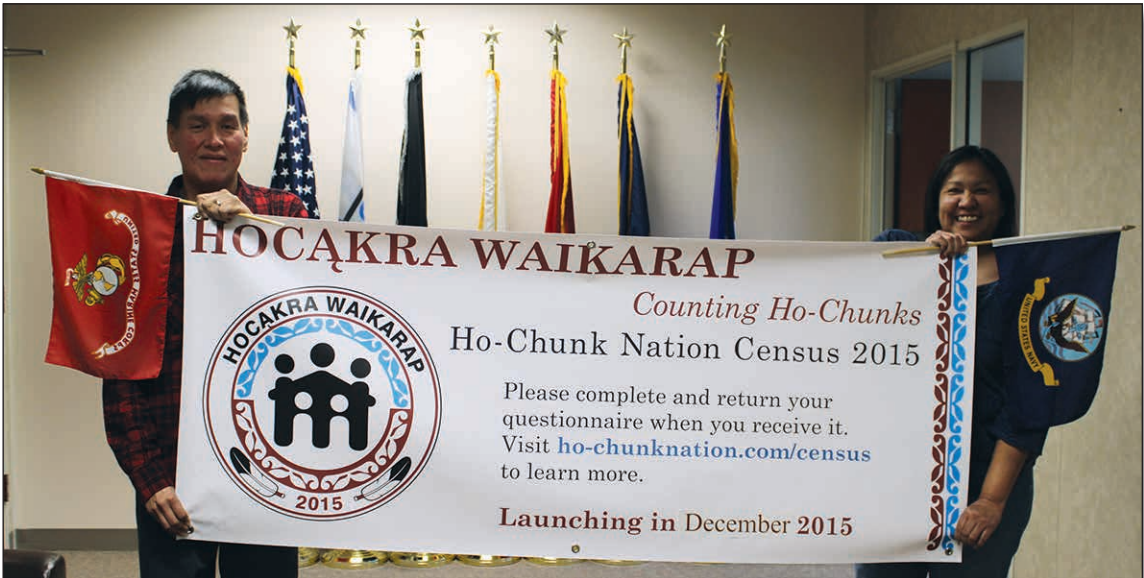
**Wood County, WI**  
**Marshfield**  
12/28/2015: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Eagles Club, 1104 S. Oak Ave.

**How to donate blood**  
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started, visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) and follow the instructions on the site.

**About the American Red Cross**  
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

# Ho-Chunk Nation Census to kickoff



Originally billed to be rolled out on December 7, the start of the Ho-Chunk Census has now been rolled back to December 17. Members of the Census (left photo) Stuart Taylor, Angie Greengrass McDonald and Pine Giroux model the new Census T-shirts. Also, veterans Marlon WhiteEagle and Tina Warner display a banner announcing the Census.

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Dec. 18th which will be published on Dec. 30th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



<b><i>Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls</i></b> <b><u>Diabetes Learning Circles 2016</u></b>		
<b>Date</b>		<b>Topic</b>
January	7	Smoking Cessation
January	21	What is a CSA?
February	4	Heart Health: What Is Heart Disease?
February	18	Heart Health: Reducing Bad Fats in your Diet
March	3	Heart Health: Understanding How Your Heart Works
March	17	Heart Health: Good Nutrition
April	7	Community Member Sharing their Story
April	21	Pallet Gardening
May	5	Virtual Grocery Store Tour
May	19	Caring for Your Teeth
June	2	Aromatherapy
June	16	Community Member Sharing their Story
July	7	Exercise and Aging
July	21	TBD
August	4	Preparing for Your Dr. Visits
August	18	Carbohydrate Counting
September	1	Community Member Sharing their Story
September	15	Hypertension and Health Effects
October	6	Take Charge of Diabetes discussion
October	20	Positive Coping Tools (Dr. Nelson)
November	3	7 Self Care Behaviors for Diabetes
November	17	Behavioral Health: Stress and Holidays
December	1	Cooking Demo
December	15	Diabetes Bingo

The Diabetes Learning Circles is a morning program designed to provide people with an opportunity to meet diabetes team members and receive information regarding diabetes prevention and management.

The program is from 8:30- 9:00 each scheduled day. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or if you have questions contact:  
Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335; or  
1-888-685-4422, Ext. 5335



# Teachings of the Medicine Wheel

Submitted by Desiree Gearing -Lancaster

Unfortunately, there is no “easy button” in life. We are all complex.....each of us with our own baggage, perceptions and world view. To add to our own unique individual and family circumstances, intergenerational trauma and the impact of historical trauma creates yet another layer of complexity, plaguing children and families of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The development of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Resource Center promotes an exciting enhancement to the Child & Family Services Division with the emphasis on prevention and early intervention through wrap-around programming and a holistic approach to service provision for our Ho-Chunk families.

Acknowledging the significance of empowerment and strength-based programming, the Resource Center broadens the dimensions of service provided to Ho-Chunk children and families by encompassing the concepts of culture and tradition, kinship and community connections, and

spirituality. Research shows that early intervention services, which help children and families to address problems before they become crisis, can make the critical difference to families at risk.

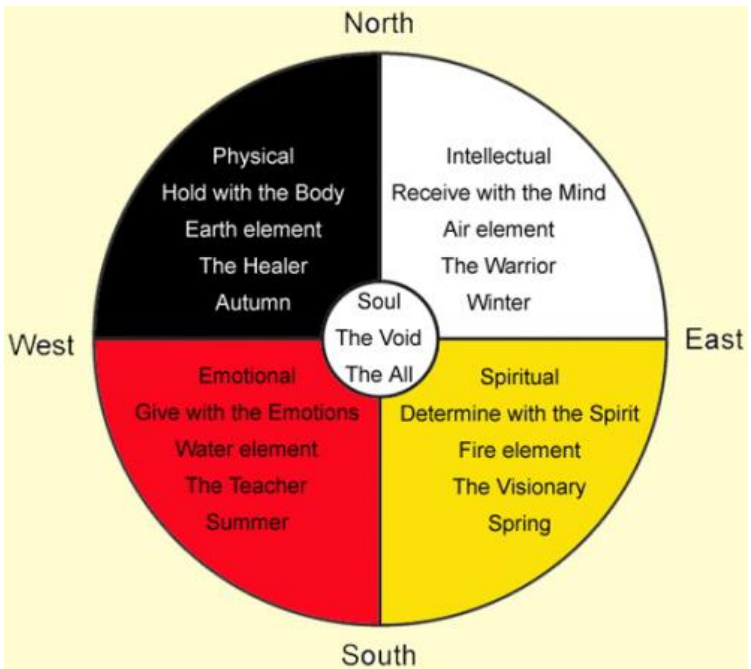
“Spirituality” has been defined by Parker Palmer as “the heart’s longing to be connected with the largeness of life.” Spirituality has, in fact, been identified at the core of Resource Center programming, which includes the Teachings of the Medicine Wheel, authored by our own, Charity Thunder.

“The wellness of the individual is inseparable from harmony within the family and community.” The Medicine Wheel symbolizes the personal power within ourselves which enables one to become more whole and complete. It helps us to understand ourselves as well as life itself, steering us toward a positive direction in life and assisting us in an alignment of the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual realities.

The “Teachings of the Medicine Wheel” is one of many prevention/early interven-

tion programs and initiatives available through the Child & Family Services Resource Center. The Medicine Wheel was created as an educational tool/program designed to promote an environment of holistic thinking and seeing. The Medicine Wheel stands for “relationship, choice and balance.” Its educational teachings are designed for those who want to learn about creativity and problem-solving based on Native American principles and values. As noted in the brochure, “Learning about the Medicine Wheel is a life-long process that encourages developing and harmony with change. Practitioners and ‘leaders’ of Medicine Wheel principles and processes are grounded in an extremely ethical, life-affirming framework.”

Resource Center staff are trained as facilitators of the Medicine Wheel Teachings. The teachings can be applied to individuals of all ages, settings and situations. The beauty and value of this educational program is in the universal application of Medicine Wheel concepts.



The teachings meet individuals where they are at and can be taught in a wide variety of settings, individually or in any group or organizational venue. In addition, the Medicine Wheel teachings are flexible and can be tailored to the individual and/or group needs, relative to specificity, time allotment, and location. Requests for Medicine Wheel teachings should be referred to the Child & Family Services Centralized Intake at (715) 284-7749 or Toll-free at (888) 343-8190.

According to a Native Elder, “Only when I see the big picture can I live the small picture.” There are no easy buttons.....but there is help and there is hope. HO-NAC NACGIPI WOGIJIRE RA-GUWI (We all want to help you).

## Diabetes Education and Support Group Monthly Programs

*Our Mission: Bring people with diabetes, pre-diabetes, and family & friends together to share experiences and learn to live healthy lives.*

### January 13, 2016. “Nutrition Myths and Fads”

10:30-11:30 a.m., Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room # 1, Black River Memorial Hospital

Speaker: Ruth Lahmayer Chipps, MS, RDN, CD, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Black River Memorial Hospital. Coordinator of Healthy Living/Weight Management Programs at BRMH.

Cut through common nutrition “myth”-information. Bring your burning nutrition questions and learn about the latest in weight management techniques and eating goals for diabetes.

### February 10, 2016. “The New Lunda Community Center Highlights”

10:30-11:30 a.m., Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room # 1, Black River Memorial Hospital

Speaker: Gavin Scray, Director of Lunda Community Center

The new Lunda Community Center will be a state-of-the-art facility providing fitness facilities, pool, activity rooms, group exercise programs, and more. Funded by the Lunda Family Foundation, it will also be the new home for the Boys & Girls Club and a new Senior Center.

### March 9, 2016. “Savor the Flavor Eating Right—National Nutrition Month Celebration”

10:30-11:30 a.m., Dorothy Halvorson Conference Room # 1, Black River Memorial Hospital

Speaker: Ruth Lahmayer Chipps, MS, RDN, CD, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Black River Memorial Hospital. Coordinator of Healthy Living/Weight Management Programs at BRMH.

Explore new culinary ideas and taste-tests for preparing flavorful and nutritious foods that are plant-based options.

*We welcome you to attend the Board Meetings following each monthly support group. We welcome your input, suggestions and ideas to make this group a continuing support for people with diabetes in Jackson County and beyond.*

For Meeting Information  
Call Sarah Osegard @ 715-284-3606



## Hands on hearts displayed in atrium



Samantha North, Margaux Carrimon and Ariana Youngthunder of the Domestic Abuse Division of Ho-Chunk Social Services display some of the hearts with handprints in the Tribal Office Building that were part of the Domestic Violence Awareness walks. The hearts were collected from a number of walks throughout October. There were seven walks altogether, one at each of the Ho-Chunk communities. Each of the participants in the walk were asked to make an ink impression with his or her hand as a pledge to honor the theme “Love Should Not Hurt.” Not pictured are Rebecca Triggs, Kimberly Butterfield and Barb Smith.



# New pollution standards sought at Badger

Kim Lamoreaux  
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Test results that are limited in their ability to detect low levels of contaminants in groundwater at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant have prompted two state legislators to sign onto a petition asking the state to develop new enforcement standards for groundwater contamination.

In July, Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger petitioned the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources seeking the establishment of new regulations for component compounds of the hazardous dinitrotoluene, or DNT, created by the chemical breakdowns beneath the site.

During a Nov. 17 public forum at the Sauk City Public Library, DNR hydrologist Woody Myers said determining the levels of the components is difficult. He said when DNT degrades, smaller compounds separate from the

original and dissolve like salt, degrading slowly.

“With DNT, we’re at the edge of the technology to be able to see what is there,” he said. “With the degradation products of DNT, most likely we’ll see nothing.”

Myers added that a negative result could mean the levels simply can’t be detected with current equipment.

Following the meeting, state Sen. Jon Erpenbach and state Rep. Dave Considine co-signed a letter from CSWAB executive director Laura Olah asking the DNR to respond to the organization’s earlier July petition for new enforcement standards.

Myers said the DNR will re-sample the wells to search for broken down components of DNT.

### New contamination found

Myers also said the latest round of groundwater tests conducted this fall indicate a new small plume of contamination has been discovered in the far northwestern corner

of the property now under the jurisdiction of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“The smaller plume is of very little consequence because of where it’s at,” Myers said. “It’s at least 80 feet down.”

On the other side of the plant, the latest round of tests from six DNR monitoring wells near Gruber’s Grove Bay has found no risk posed by hazardous compounds, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

“We are confident there are no health concerns in consuming that water over the course of a lifetime,” DHS toxicologist Ryan Wozniak said. “They are below the levels at which we would expect any adverse health effects or concerns to occur.”

Despite the assurances, the U.S. Army has proposed constructing a \$40 million public water system to serve nearly 400 properties near the site.

The Army has agreed to pay for the installation and opera-



**U.S Army representative for the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant Mike Sitton stands in the foreground of the propellant burning ground cap installed in 2008.**

Photo by Kim Lamoreaux, Sauk Prairie Eagle

tion of the system for the first five years, after which customers would be billed based on established water rates at the time.

Sitton told those at the Nov. 17 meeting that the Army’s responsibility for cleanup at the site will not go away.

“When the Army transferred the land, the deeds have a covenant that says if you find something the Army left behind, the Army comes back and fixes it,” Sitton said. “The Army will be involved with this for many decades, if not longer.”

# Ho-Chunk Nation envisions sports complex

*City, key players are enthusiastic about working with tribe on the proposed development*

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Next time you’re driving westbound on Interstate 94, near Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, picture this: a sprawling, state-of-the-art sports and entertainment complex that rivals the best of them, luring throngs of enthusiastic visitors to the gateway of Madison like fans to a Badger football game.

Can you see it?

Dan Brown certainly can. The executive manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison has held a vision for many years to develop 47.75 acres of vacant, tribally owned land adjacent to the casino. With all that undeveloped land and money to build, it’s just a matter of finding the big idea—and the right partners.

“We considered building a big-box retail store, an industrial park and even a corporate headquarters,” says Brown, who hired Urban Assets, a local planning and community development firm, to conduct a high-level study on what type of development made the most sense for both the Ho-Chunk Nation and the city of Madison. “At the end of the day, we are looking for a regional destination,” as well as an opportunity to share the Ho-Chunk’s unique heritage as the original inhabitants of the Madison area, he says. “We aren’t just a casino on the outskirts of town. This is our homeland, and we have a bigger story to tell.”

While on the hunt for development options, Brown

and his team heard repeatedly from community members and public officials that there weren’t enough fields for rugby, soccer, lacrosse and other youth sports. The west side of Madison has Reddan Field in Verona, but the east side is sorely lacking. “We understand that some teams have to drive all the way to the Dells just for practices,” Brown says.

And so, the big idea was born: The tribe would build a much-needed sporting event complex for the city featuring indoor and outdoor playing fields, a cultural center that spotlights the rich history of the Ho-Chunk people, a hotel, a parking structure and possibly a conference center, too.

The beauty of this venture, according to Brown, is that it offers an opportunity to collaborate with the city. Preliminary plans call for the indoor fields to be built on Ho-Chunk land, and the twelve contiguous outdoor fields to be constructed on part of the thirty-six-hole Yahara Hills Golf Course—City of Madison Parks Department property that abuts the tribe’s property.

“The city will have to make a decision on whether they want to surrender some of the holes for the project,” says Brown. “We would not necessarily pursue the sports complex portion of the project unless we get a full commitment from the city to build the adjacent outdoor fields.”

So far, it appears that the city and other key players, including Madison tourism, planning and parks execu-

tives, are enthusiastic about doing business with the Ho-Chunk tribe, but there are many details and contingencies yet to work out, according to Madison Parks superintendent Eric Knepp. “The city is a little more guarded. We don’t say ‘yes’ to doing something until we have a solid master plan coming from our side.” And Knepp says the city has done very little in that regard.

Currently, one of the biggest issues facing the city is funding. “We are committed to working with the Ho-Chunk tribe because that’s what good neighbors do, as we have a mutual interest in a successful gateway to the city,” says Knepp. “But we really haven’t talked money yet, the heavy lift, and getting to that point will be when the real commitment comes from the city.”

Jamie Patrick, vice president of the Madison Area Sports Commission, a non-profit organization that brings sporting events to Dane County, believes a sports complex is just what the city needs. “We’d be able to attract regional, national and international tournaments, which would help fill up our hotels and restaurants,” says Patrick. Plus, it would solve the field-shortage problem. “If we can hit those two things on the head, we have a winner on our hands—as long as it is done right, built right and managed right.”

To keep the momentum for the project moving toward the tribe’s goal of a potential first-phase opening in 2018,

monthly ongoing talks continue between the tribe and city officials. Little by little, progress is being made on the Ho-Chunk’s end. Architects are drafting a master conceptual plan, and a wetland delineation report is close to being completed.

“The good news is, we’ve learned that we are able to build on a vast majority of Ho-Chunk land,” says Brown, who was happy to discover that barely five percent of the Ho-Chunk land is actually wetlands. “We were surprised because it’s kind of swampy over here.”

Still, there are some definite hurdles that will have to be overcome before the project can grow sturdier legs. For one, traffic concerns. Currently, there is only one way in and out of the Ho-Chunk Casino area—a very dangerous intersection at Mill Pond Road and state highways 12/18—so the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has been brought in to the project discussions.

Obviously, building something this ambitious takes time. Perhaps too much time, says Melissa Huggins, a certified planner and principal at Urban Assets who conducted the initial in-depth feasibility study.

“Developers come here and say, ‘Why can I get stuff done in Chicago and I can’t get stuff done in Madison?’ We have a very wonderful planning staff, but they hold the developers’ feet to the fire.”

The parks superintendent jumps to the city’s defense.

“No one will ever fully appreciate the process the city goes through and how long it takes,” says Knepp. “This project feels like it’s going somewhere, and it very well could. But planning this much space will just take some time and some process, for sure.”

Time has certainly helped heal strained relations between the city and the Ho-Chunk tribe dating back nearly a decade, when Dane County residents opposed a proposed expansion of Ho-Chunk gaming operations. “There are some hangover perceptions about gaming that came up when we were presenting to the parks commission,” says Huggins, who also recalls overwhelming support, too. “We just need to do some educating about how gaming fits into the nation and all tribes, and what its role is.”

Past history aside, Knepp is encouraged to be working with the Ho-Chunk tribe to create a positive outcome for Madison. “Dan Brown and his leadership have a lot to do with why we are having these conversations,” he says.

The Ho-Chunk Nation remains hopeful about the vision for the sports complex and entertainment center. “We have two governments trying to work together, so we don’t expect this to happen overnight,” Brown says. “I hesitate to use the word ‘perfect,’ but it sure is coming together nicely.”



# New Tomah fire truck dedicated to former Fire Chief Decorah

Ken Luchterhand  
Staff Writer

The Tomah Fire Department members thought it was fitting to honor former Fire Chief Kevin Decorah for the more-than 13 years of service to the department.

For that reason, they dedicated the new Incident Command Center truck in Decorah's name on Thursday, December 3, at the North Side Fire Station in Tomah.

A metal plaque was ordered to be placed on the side of the new truck, however, it was

not ready at the time of the dedication ceremony. Instead the inscription was on paper and was on display at the dedication.

"I was very surprised and humbled. It is a great honor," Decorah said at the event.

Decorah served the Tomah Fire Department from the end of the year 2000 to May 2014.

The truck was purchased with the help of the Ho-Chunk Nation, which donated \$80,000 toward the design, build and purchase. The donation was made on April 15,



The Decorah family was on hand December 3 at the North Side Fire Station to witness the dedication ceremony.



Former Tomah Fire Chief Kevin Decorah (right) receives congratulations from current Fire Chief Tim Adler during a ceremony to dedicate the new Incident Command Center truck to Decorah for his years of service.

2014. Decorah was fire chief at the time of the donation and when the new truck was ordered.

A contribution of \$200,000 was made by the Tomah City Council and \$70,000 was obtained through a "Hunters' Night Out" fundraiser that was conducted by the Tomah firefighters.

One other time a truck was dedicated to a Tomah Fire De-

partment staff member. A ladder truck was donated to former Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Herrick who passed away.

The Incident Command Center truck was ordered as a custom design from Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin, made to the Tomah Fire Departments exact requested specifications.

"They said they wished it had been completed at a

different time so they could have taken it to trade shows," Decorah said. "It is a different design, a niche that needed to be filled. If it had been finished in summer, they would have taken it to the International Fire Chiefs Association Convention in Chicago."

## House of Wellness Fitness & Aquatic Center recently held two food drives

Submitted by Lance Tallmadge, Fitness Supervisor-House of Wellness

The first was "Burpees for Food". Many of our staff took part. Barrels were placed in the entrance hallway with the participating staff members name on it. People donated food items in the barrel of the staff member that they wanted

to see do burpees. Items had to be at least 10 ounces to count as one burpee. As a group we ended up having to do 374 burpees. The food collected totaled almost 600 pounds.

Donations were made to the Central Wisconsin Community Action Council which serves 6 counties in the

Wisconsin Dells area. Donations were also given to Lisa Bargender, Social Worker at the House of Wellness for distribution to tribal community members.

The Burpees for Food collection and the day burpees were done on Friday, November 20th. Staff participants were Jodel Greendeer, William Kemp II, Terrence Johnson, Paul Roberts Jr, Dmitriy Gumennyi, Lance Tallmadge, Erika Gerhardt, and Scott Gilbeck.

The 2nd food drive we had was in conjunction with a membership drive to the Fitness & Aquatic Center. In exchange for a donation of 4 pounds of food, a new member would receive 1 month free membership added to their 3 month membership. I don't have a total weight of what was donated but I would estimate it was in excess of 150 pounds. This food was donated to the Reedsburg Food Pantry and was accepted by Bess Little. I've attached a picture of her with the 2 grocery carts of food.



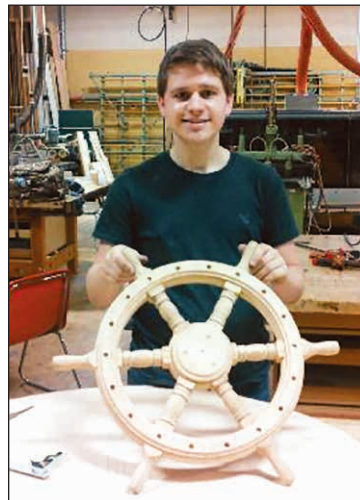


# Woodworking class provides toys, play equipment to immersion daycare

**Ken Luchterhand**  
Staff Writer

Even though it's not Christmas quite yet, children at the Ho-Chunk First Immersion Daycare will have some new wooden furniture and toys to play on and with.

The items they getting are rather unusual and custom made, just for them.



One of the students displays a ship steering wheel that he made for the rocking boat.

Mary Thundercloud-Eary arranged to have the wooden furniture and toys made specifically for the daycare through a wood-working class in Milwaukee.

"My son, Hunter, was in a cabinet making class about four years ago," she said. "I asked the instructor if it would be possible to have some items made for our daycare."

That instructor is Dan Stich, who is the cabinet making and woodworking instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College. He agreed to make the projects with help from his students.

"She was looking for toys and play equipment for children ages 6 months to 4 years," Stich said.

The daycare in Christmas Mountain, near Wisconsin Dells, provides services to children ages 0 to 4 during weekdays and are taught only the Ho-Chunk language.

The first thing the instructor and students at MATC was to plan what they were going to make and then how to make

it.

Daycare Administrator Mary Thundercloud-Eary had seen a similar rocker on a Web site named "Pinterest" and recommended something like it to Stich and his students.

Besides the rocking tug boat, the instructor and students made several wooden wagons filled with wooden building blocks.

"It was excellent," Stich said. "It was fun building and it was fun thinking outside the box. It was good for the students. They got a lot out of it."

Most all of the items were made from Douglas fir, which stands up really well in outdoor conditions, Stich said. They used acrylic paint so that it could withstand the wet and cold conditions, plus it is non-toxic for children.

The wagons were made from basswood and maple so they would be strong and durable.

"We're extremely happy to be receiving them," Thundercloud-Eary said. "For the chil-



Two of the students try out the rocking boat before the finishing touches have been completed.

dren, it will be good exercise and good for development of large motor skills.

"We're fortunate to have Milwaukee Area Technical College provide all the labor and materials," she said. "It's good for the children, but it's also good experience for the students at MATC. They had to research and design the rocking boat, then layout the materials and form them to

work as components."

The boat was more difficult to build than just the standard cutting of wood, nailing, gluing and sanding. The rocker bottom of the boat needed to be soaked in water and bent into the correct shape, then held in that position by forms until it was completely dry, Stich said.

## 4th Annual Youth and Family College Expo

**Ken Luchterhand**  
Staff Writer

On February 13, 2015, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education will be hosting the Fourth Annual Youth and Family College Expo at the Black River Falls Executive Office Building. The goal of this free event is to engage our youth and their families in college awareness through interactive and hands-on learning. This year's event will differ from previous years in that not only will there be opportunities for youth to explore college programs and career opportunities, but they will also be able to learn about various precollege summer camp opportunities as well. Precollege summer camps are available for students of all ages, and are a fun and effective way to encourage kids to start thinking about their future.

This event is geared towards students between 3rd-12th grade and their families. The day will feature guest speakers, college workstations, pre-college summer camp information booths, Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department resource booths, lunch, and prizes.

Mark your calendar for this fun and educational event! All families are welcome.

Date: February 13, 2015

Location: Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building, Black River Falls, WI

Time: Noon-4PM (Registration begins at 11:00)

Lunch is provided and attendees are eligible to win prizes!

For further information about the event, please contact: Carla Nichols or MicahMarie McCann at (800)-362-4476 or educationadvisors@ho-chunk.com.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY COLLEGE EXPO



**WHEN**  
**February 13th, 2016**  
**11am-4pm**

**WHERE**  
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**W9814 Airport Road,**  
**Black River Falls, WI**



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**Schedule**  
**11AM Registration**  
**11:30 Lunch**  
**12:30 Speaker**  
**1:00 College Booths**  
**3:45 Prizes**  
**4:00 Closing**

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**To Be Announced**



Ho-Chunk Nation School  
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# Koenig and Badgers mute the Temple Owls

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Editor

On Saturday, December 5, the Wisconsin Badgers improved to 6-3 on their 2015-2016 season by muting the Temple Owls with a final score on 76-60.

The Badgers got double digit scoring from team leaders: Bronson Koenig (17), Nigel Hayes (18), and Zak Showalter (11). Hayes had his third double-double on the season finishing with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

The Badgers and the Owls battle for the first 7 minutes of the game, exchanging lead changes 6 times. The Badgers struck first with a layup by Zak Showalter.

But Temple's Devin Coleman answered back with a 3 point shot.

Ethan Happ added 2 points with a low post move.

Owl, Quenton Decosey hit a 3 point shot of his own to put Temple up by 2 points, 6-4.

Happ scored again to tie the game at 6-6 after 4 minutes of play.

Vitto Brown fouled Daniel

Dingle, sending him to the free throw line. Dingle hit both his free throws to give the Owls the lead, but that would be their last lead of the game.

Bronson Koenig nailed a 3 pointer to give the Badgers a 9-8 lead that the Owls would never overcome.

Ethan Happ and Nigel Hayes added 4 points from the free throw line while the Owls' Alston scored from the field.

Hayes also made a layup and Koenig hit another 3 point shot. Freshman Alex Illikainen caught a Koenig pass inside to add 2 more points for the Badgers. The Badgers were now up by 10 points, 20-10.

Charlie Thomas and Alex Illikainen lead the Badgers on a 10-2 run, capitalized by a Thomas 3 point shot that ignited the Kohl Center crowd.

Nigel Hayes dunked a missed 3 point shot of Showalter to put the Badgers up by 16 points with just under 4 minutes left in the half.

Showalter banked a last

minute shot off the glass to put the Badgers up 37-26 at the half way mark. Six Badgers had 6 points at the half: Hayes, Happ, Showalter, Koenig, Thomas, and Illikainen.

The Badgers used the first 7 minutes of the second half to increase their lead to 18 points. Vitto Brown hit a jumper. Showalter hit a 3 point shot.

Hayes, Koenig, and Showalter all drove the lane for layups. Hayes got a tip in basket and got to the free throw line. The Badgers outscored the Owls 15-8 during that time.

Wisconsin got more even and balanced scoring from Ethan Happ and Charlie Thomas in the middle of the second half. Koenig hit a jump shot to maintain the Badgers 18 point lead.

Temple relied on their top scorer: Decosey, Bond, and Coleman to keep them in the game. Levan Alston Jr. and Trey Lowe came off the bench and pitch in where they could for the Owls. The Badgers



Bronson Koenig (24) shoots over a Temple defender as the Wisconsin Badgers improve to 6-3 on the season.

held Decosey and Coleman to below average scoring.

Overall, the Badgers held the Owls 10 points below their average point totals. The Owls fell to 3-4 on their season.

The Badgers now have a

7 game home stretch facing in state competition from Milwaukee, Marquette, and Green Bay. Wisconsin will also face Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and conference play against Purdue and Rutgers.

# Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings mentor Ho-Chunk Youth

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature-Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Youth met with the Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings for a mentorship session on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at the YMCA in Port Edwards, Wisconsin. The Ho-Chunk Nation began a two-year sponsorship with the Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings.

The Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings are part of the Junior A Hockey League which has players aged 16-20 years old. The players come from across the United States and Canada to play in the league. The league provides opportunity for player advancement to reach the "next" level of

the sport either in college or eventually pro hockey.

The youth met with General Manager Marty Quarters, Riverkings players Tyler Carey, Austin Luxford, Ryan Mantz, Sam Nelson, Tyler Harkins and Riverkings mascot Reggie the Riverking. The Riverkings discussed the game of hockey, equipment, diet, motivation, travel, recruiting and teamwork. Marty Quarters stated, "There are three things you can control. How hard you work. How much rest you get and what you put in your body." These three factors are very important for the athletes. The Riverkings organization focuses on promoting the personal character of the players. They recruit based on finding players that are talented and also will be good for the community. They want the players to be the best that they can be and emphasize doing things the right way. Quarters also mentioned, "If you do good things all the time, good things will come your way." The Riverkings love the sport of hockey and encourage you



Nekoosa Youth with L to R: Riverkings players Ryan Mantz, Austin Luxford, Riverking Reggie, Sam Nelson, Tyler Harkins, Tyler Carey

to come out for a game.

Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services Coordinator Angeline Decorah said, "The students and staff of Nekoosa Youth & Learning Center enjoyed meeting with the Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings. It was a great learning experience for all of us. They have

invited us to come and skate with them, and the students are very excited for this opportunity to learn more about hockey."

The next Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings home game will be on December 11, 2015 against the Detroit Fighting Irish. The game starts at

7:30pm at the South Wood County Recreation Center in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. All Ho-Chunk youth have free admission to all Wisconsin Rapids Riverking home games this season. Go Riverkings!!!





# Larry Knudsen, President of Two Buffalo Construction Supplies & Program Host of Indigenous in Music

Submitted by  
Sal Whitehorse

When Ho-Chunk Entrepreneur/Social Entrepreneur Larry Knudsen was growing up in south Minneapolis, he never dreamed he would be president of his own business and a program host of a radio program heard across the nation. Knudsen said “I never thought this would ever happen.”

Knudsen was referring to his success as founder and president of Two Buffalo Construction Supplies Inc., a Minnesota based business with office/warehouse in Stillwater and Bradenton, FL that specialized in roofing, waterproofing and LED lighting supplies and also to his music program Indigenous in Music that is heard every week on radio stations across the US, featuring music and interviews.

Starting out as a General Contractor in 1995 in the roofing trade Two Buffalo expanded into windows, doors and siding. With many years of company growth, it all came to a stop in 2005.

“Roofing is a business that succeeds when storms come and leave hail damage and there was not one major storm that year,” Knudsen said.

In 2005, Larry moved Two Buffalo into the construction supply arena. With the success of their first major project, they supplied all the roofing supplies to the Midtown Exchange building in South Minneapolis. Then in 2008, Two Buffalo hit it big and was one of the suppliers on the Minneapolis Target Center’s new roof, the fifth largest

green roofing in the country. Since then they have established many partners and finishing projects including the Minneapolis/St. Paul Light Rail project, Minneapolis Convention center, Green Bay Packers Lambeau field, and Tampa International Airport and now currently working on the new Minnesota Vikings/US Bank stadium in downtown Minneapolis.



Larry Knudsen

Recently they added American Made LED lighting in their product line. “The current explosion in LED technology into the commercial lighting market has given us an interesting and challenging idea; it’s perfect timing to get into the American Indian casino arena, as we will be able to help save our nations money on their energy consumption,” says Larry.

In 2006 Larry starting the music program Indigenous in Music, “Back then, the show lasted a half hour, today it’s a 2 hour program” Knudsen said, Today the show is re-

corded in the new Two Buffalo Studio’s in Sarasota, FL.

Here is a list of the fine station’s that play our show:

Mon - WLPR 89.1 Merrillville, IN - 12 Midnight - 2 CST

Tues - KKWE 89.9 White Earth, MN 3 - 5 pm CST

Tues - KODK 90.7 Kodiak, AL - 10 pm - 12 AKST

Thurs - KCMJ 93.8 Colorado Springs, CO - 10 am - 12 MST

Fri - WGZS 89.1 Fond Du Lac, MN - 6 - 8 pm CST

Fri - WGDR 91.1 Plainfield, VT - 7 - 9 pm EST

Sat - KTWH 99.5 Two Harbors, MN 9 - 11 am CST

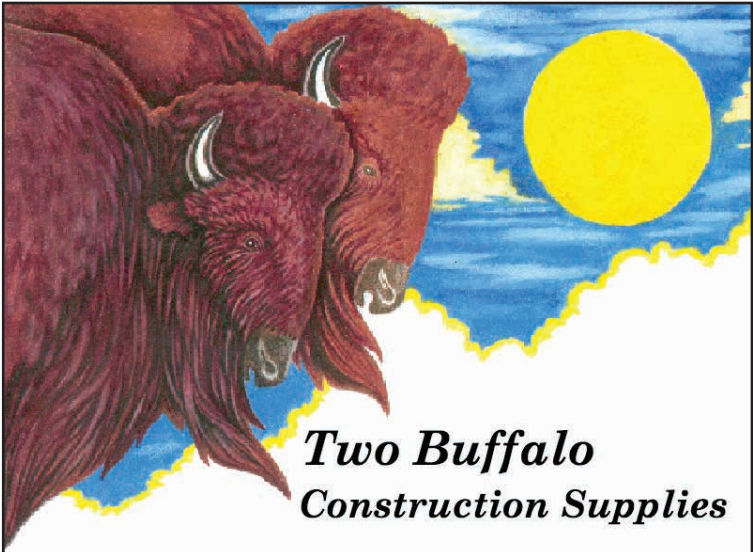
Sat - KPJP 94.7 Fayette, MO 10 am to 12 CST

Sat - WGZS 89.1 Fond Du Lac, MN - 6 - 8 pm CST

Sun - KVRZ 88.9 Libby, MT - 2 - 4 pm MST

Sun - WGXC 90.7 Acra, NY - 2 - 4 pm EST

The Indigenous in Music Radio Show was developed to support indigenous musicians were not getting exposure needed to get into the main-



stream music scene.

“Indigenous in Music is distributed on the Public Radio Exchange (PRX) and Pacifica Audio Port should you want to add us to your radio programming” Knudsen said.

The goal is develop and market this show to the American Indian radio stations across the United States and Canada. It provides music, interviews and the native news to the general public. Both

the host and producer, Larry values the diversity of cultural expression and traditions, fosters the prevention and achievement of diverse musical genres, creates a sense of welcoming and belonging, enhance the enjoyment of life, and celebrates community with great programming.

You can find us on the web at [www.twobuffalo.com](http://www.twobuffalo.com)



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#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Rusty S. Culver, Petitioner, v. Vanity S. Hutton, Respondent.**

**Case : CS 15-78**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
Vanity S. Hutton

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.



# Ho-Chunk employees observe Pearl Harbor Day



The Flag Song and four service songs, one for each branch of the U.S. military, are offered in 74th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7.



During the Pearl Harbor observance, flags in front of the Tribal Office Building were raised to half-staff to remember the fallen service men during the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

## Thompson prevails at District One Community Center chess tournament

Submitted by  
Leslie Thompson

October 14, 2015 was a very special day for me. It was the day of the annual chess tournament my friends kept reminding me of. It was held at District One Community Center through the Ho-Chunk Nation. It was also exactly one year ago to the date my sister Louise suffered a stroke and was paralyzed on her right side. I wanted to dedicate the chess tournament to her. I had made some key mistakes the last 3 years in the tournament, and I couldn't make them again this year. For one, I had to move much slower than I did in previous years. Instead of moving quick and fast, I had to move slower and analyze the chess board looking for weakness while avoiding my own mishaps and blunders. Sometimes my opponent moves, and its effect three of four moves later in to the game. My professor in college once said, "I have a quick mind..." but even that can get a person in to trouble if they are not careful.

I couldn't put in the time like I did before in the past with chess. I had my sister Louise to look after and take care of, plus my math studies etc. Before I would go down to the local library almost every day, go online and play chess with people all over the world. But now I couldn't do that. I had to attend to my sister's well being and needs. Fixing supper, lunch, breakfast, physical therapy, making appointments, etc. Now I was making it to the library about every two weeks to play chess. Sometimes I would get there about an hour before the library would closed. The librarians, Mrs. Vicki Fischer and Kay were so helpful.

They would say, "There is a computer open Leslie, number seven...." I am very grateful to them and the rest of the staff there.

I had a lot of apprehensiveness a good two weeks before the chess match. I felt I wasn't completely ready. I kept thinking if I only had one more month to train, study the game, and play online. I wanted to win the chess tournament for my sister Louise, but I would also be grateful if I finished in the top three. I felt finishing third or second is better than not playing at all. I kept thinking about the games and tournaments I had played in the past and the mistakes I made. And also the challenges I would get out and about from people. One guy got a hold of me twice and asked me if I wanted to play a chess game for \$100 a game. I told him I would. We met at a neutral spot at the powwow grounds. He said he lived an hour away and really wanted to play chess with me. He was really nice and very respectful when we finally met. I ended up losing two games to him, but winning five or six games in a row. A few months later he got a hold of me again. He wanted to play for a \$100 a game, same as before. We met at the Kwik Trip. He had been talking smack, saying he had improved a lot since we played at the powwow grounds, and this time he was going to really beat me. He asked if I was scared. I'd be lying if I said no. We then met at the Kwik Trip in Black River Falls in the early part of the year.

Pressure does add a new dimension. We had played a few hours, each game lasting between 45 minutes to an hour. As we played, I notice he was getting very fatigued,

physically and most noticeably, mentally. I knew he was totally on the ropes. I was sacrificing my bishop in to his pawn to disable him from castling. Then I would attack with my two knights, bishop and pawns. I was able to send him reeling with nowhere to go. Then the queen would come out and close the game with a checkmate. Though sometimes this technique could easily backfire, but this wasn't one of those times. The final score: 6-1. I never heard from him again.

The night of the chess tournament was here. There was pizza and pop for everyone. It was double elimination. Tony was supervising the tournament as she also plays chess herself. It turned out again to be a lot of fun as the players and others were having fun and laughing. I was able to go through the rounds good, playing up to the finals. In the finals I would face a young player by the name of Larry. He was 18 years old and beat some good players twice his age and also beating last years' player who came in second a year ago in the chess tournament.

When Larry and I met in the finals, I had already played him earlier and won. He played very competent, and I knew I had to play well, no mistakes. I played courteous at first, then became aggressive and began to put pressure on Larry's broken position. He had made a key blunder in the opening. When grand masters and masters play chess, if they sometimes blunder in the opening, there first eleven moves, they will usually just tip over the king and forfeit the game. A blundered opening is the beginning of the end. Like a sweater with a lose thread coming undone.



Leslie Thompson was crowned champion at the D1CC chess tournament for 2 consecutive years.

It's extremely difficult to overcome if the pressure from the opponent remains.

Larry was sent back reeling with his king in the middle board. Now it was a process of elimination. It was time for the queen to enter the game as it waited patiently on the D1 square for the coup de gras, the death knell (knock out).

After the game, Larry and I shook hands. It was over. He had played well even though his position was lost. I asked Larry how he learned to play. He said, "Manual Carriaga showed me" (a Ho-Chunk Nation member). I encouraged Larry to keep playing and learning, also, play online, the internet. I had showed him a good chess opening to master,

the E4. Roy Lopez, a priest from the 15th century, who came up with the opening. If Larry keeps learning, he'll be a monster in a year or two. They will have to put him in a cage for the chess tournament.

I got home from the chess tournament and told my sister "Baby" Louise I had won. She was excited and yelled, "Yeah!" She was very happy. Winning four years in a row wasn't too bad, but I would of traded the last three years away just for this one nights' win. I wanted to win the chess tournament for Louise. I am truly grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation and District One Community Center for hosting the annual open chess tournament.



# Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls makes a donation towards Unmet Needs Program

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls/Tomah Tris Harris Senior Manager-Public Relations

On November 25th 2015, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presented Mike DeRosa, a check for \$3,000 plus an additional \$2,000 to go towards the VFW Unmet Needs Program.

This is the seventh year that Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has supported the Unmet Needs Program which provides immediate financial help to the local families of deployed military service members of up to \$2500. They help with car payments, electric bills, vehicle repairs, home repairs, and most of their funds go towards rent and mortgage payments. If you are or know of a deployed service member's family and need immediate help, please go online to <http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds/> where you

can request it.

This program gives the soldiers a little piece of mind that their families back here are getting the help they need. Mike DeRosa owns 12 Burger King locations in Wisconsin and saw an opportunity to raise funds for the VFW Unmet Needs program back in 2007. Since then, Wisconsin Burger King locations have raised over \$3.2 Million dollars and Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls is proud to be a partner with their fund-raising venture.

If you are able to, please stop in at your local Burger King, there are over 1000 locations around the United States that support the VFW Unmet Needs program. Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls will also be holding a fundraiser next year, so check in with us too. For information about the Unmet Needs Program go online to [www.unmetneeds.org](http://www.unmetneeds.org)



L-R: Mike DeRosa, Burger King stores, Tris Harris, Sr. Mgr. of Public Relations for HCG-BRF, Harold Severson, Korean War Veteran and retired Col. Wally Capper, Korean and Vietnam Veteran.

# Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls donates to Team Make it Rain

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls/Tomah Tris Harris Senior Manager-Public Relations

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls presented the Southwest Chapter of American Red Cross a check in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of team Make It Rain who participated in the Dancing with the La Crosse Stars dance contest. Team Make It Rain, created by Nehomah Thundercloud raised over \$25,000 and was the top fundraiser out of all 11 teams.

Dancing with the La Crosse Stars is in its 11th year and this year they raised over \$146,000 which will go towards Disaster Relief in Wisconsin. The Red Cross is there for families when they lose a home and often times are the 2nd responders to the scene of a home fire. They also help with natural disasters, giving people the basic necessities and comfort.

Ho-Chunk Gaming BRF Executive Manager, Mr. Greg Garvin would like to “thank the American Red Cross for all they do for our community members! They come in and

make sure everyone is safe, fed and taken care of in their unfortunate time of need.” We are happy to continue our partnership with our local American Red Cross to ensure that they can be ready to assist when it is necessary.

We urge everyone to contact your local American Red Cross chapter to see what you

can do to help. It isn’t always funding, they are always looking for volunteers too. They even have an initiative going on right now to send Holiday greeting cards to our U.S. Troops overseas and our Veterans who are in V.A. Hospitals. Go to [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org) to find the location nearest you.



L-R: Thomas Mooney, COO SW WI Chapter, Amy Garvin, Dance Instructor, Nehomah Thundercloud, Exec. Dir. of the Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Education and David Ring, SW WI Board Member



Jean Stacy and Anna Reichenbach enthusiastically display the banner for the Ho-Chunk Census. The Census will begin on December 17, with a kickoff in the Tribal Office Building atrium with computers available to complete the online survey, plus free food and drinks and giveaways.

## Let's Bead!



**Beading Classes Have Begun!**

**Every Tuesday 6pm-8pm**

We have started with Earrings but more projects are coming

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME**

Linda White will be instructing

All the materials are provided by the Office

**If you'd like you can bring your own beads and thread**

**Snacks and refreshments will be potluck**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Chicago Branch Office**

**4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

**Chicago, IL 60630**

Office Hours: Mon-Fri (8am to 4:30pm)

Phone#: (773) 202-8433





# RING IN THE NEW YEAR



FREE ENTERTAINMENT | 9PM - 1AM  
PRIME RIB BUFFET | 11AM - MIDNIGHT | \$19.98  
AFTER HOURS BUFFET | MIDNIGHT - 2AM | \$6.95



## NEW YEAR'S EVE | \$5K BINGO GIVEAWAY

Choose either a \$25 or \$50 entry packet for payouts of \$500 or \$1,000. Enjoy complimentary hors d' oeuvres, double consolation on floor pack specials, plus free entry into the special \$5,000 Drawing where eight will win either \$500 or \$1,000.

Doors open at 4pm. Regular session starts at 7pm. Electronic Bingo available for an additional fee. Must purchase an entry packet to qualify for cash drawing. Anyone 18 years or older is welcome to attend. See a Bingo Rep for details.



## 12 DAYS X 12 HOURS = 144 WINNERS

DECEMBER 12 - 23 | 8AM - 8PM | HOT SEATS

Play slots using your Rewards Club Card for the chance to be one of twelve daily winners to pocket \$100 Cash.



## \$25,000 CASH GIVEAWAY

DECEMBER 20 | 6PM

First entry is free. Earn extra entries every day by playing table games for at least one hour or earn 25 points playing slots. Nine players in all will be drawn to win cash prizes between \$1,000 - \$5,000.



## HOLIDAY BINGO BASH

DECEMBER 25 | DOORS OPEN 4PM

\$5 entry on Christmas Night gets you a free ham dinner plus \$200 Double Bingo Payouts. Extra Double Bingo Books are \$5. Play electronically for \$12.

No Comps/Coupons and No Point Redemptions. See a Bingo Rep for details.



## ho-chunkgaming.com

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls welcomes anyone 21 years or older to play in the casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo. Additional rules and restrictions may apply. See the Rewards Club for complete rules and details. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.



We are seeking six (6) participants 3 (m), 3 (f) 18 to 80 for the Storytelling project. We are seeking 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students 5 (m), 5 (f), to participate in this cost free year round science mentorship after school program.

**DREAMLODGE Arts**, A NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS INCUBATOR  
*"Civilizations are remembered for their art."* Eli Broad

**PLEASE CONTACT:** Kohl Miner, Director of Dreamlodge ARTS  
kohlminer@dreamlodgearts.com  
773-897-9403

**Science Club is a cost free year round program for middle school students who are mentored by Northwestern University Scientists’.**

**Science Club is an educational research project funded by the National Institutes of Health designed to promote science interest & engagement among urban youth.**

To inspire middle school youth to reach their full potential in science by providing them with access to exciting, authentic, hands-on laboratory activities, enthusiastic science mentors, and a supportive academic environment that encourages their intellectual development.

To encourage science graduate students and other scientific professionals to share their knowledge with their community, develop their teaching and mentoring skills, and to better understand the educational issues facing urban youth.

**For more information:** <https://scienceclub.northwestern.edu/front-page>

**"Resilience, Revolution & Inspiration."** Courageous storytelling is a sacred journey. THE NATIVE AMERICAN INTER-GENERATIONAL STORYTELLING PROJECT is the inaugural project of DREAMLODGE ARTS. **The mission of DREAMLODGE ARTS is to turn artistic passions into viable careers.** The Native American Inter-generational Storytelling Project is a program that is based upon the cultural strength of Native American Oral Traditions. Historically these are stories that have been passed down from generation to generation, giving our youth & community a sense of belonging while instilling our beliefs, values, and traditions.

The six participants will write, rehearse & perform their own stories. Utilizing the theme, "Resilience, Revolution & Inspiration," we will use storytelling & theater as vehicles to foster creativity and self-confidence, promote critical thinking skills and develop community advocates who can share life experiences, knowledge, and wisdom. Our training will enlighten the storytellers so in the end they will understand and respect the theatrical and creative aspect of this craft. The goal is to see our six professionally trained storytellers actively engaged in the Chicago arts scene (and beyond). Our participants will perform at the Victory Gardens Theatre, Lifeline Theatre, Storylab, The Prop Theatre and (4) open mics.

We will recruit 6 Chicago area American Indian community members; 3 Women & 3 men, ages 18 to 80 (and above) to write and perform two 10-minute stories in professional settings. The seven-month project is set to begin in January 2016 and end in July 2016. The storytellers will participate in two tracks; they will meet on Monday (Performance) & Thursday (Creation/creative writing) evenings.

## NOTICE OF TITLE VII PUBLIC HEARING TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tomah Area School District will hold two public hearings during one meeting time scheduled for **Thursday, December 17, 2015**, at the Tomah Youth Learning Center, Julie Street, Tomah, Wisconsin. The Title VII meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. following the JOM/IEC meeting.

The first part of the meeting will allow parents of Native American children the opportunity to provide input concerning Public Law 81-874. The second part of the meeting will inform parents of the needs assessment process for the district’s 2016-2017 Title VII Application of the Indian Education Act. In addition, parents will participate in a discussion of the application’s provisions and be allowed to provide suggestions regarding the application.

Priscilla Cleveland  
Title VII Indian Education Coordinator-Teacher  
Tomah Area School District

### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following vacancy:

**District 3**  
**Length of Term:**  
**4 years from date of Legislative Appointment**

**District 5**  
**Length of Term:**  
**4 years from date of Legislative Appointment**

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district. To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Tribal Ho-Chunk Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25 years of age)
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend the District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT @ 800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.

## District III Meeting Notice:

### Wittenberg Area Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2015 6:00pm  
POTCHEENUNK –WITTENBERG, WI

### WI Dells Area Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 6:00pm  
INDIAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BUILDING – WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

### Nekoosa Area Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 6:00pm  
CHAKH-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY BUILDING

### Green Bay Area Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2015 6:00pm  
1047 S. 9<sup>TH</sup> ST, GREEN BAY, WI

### GCA REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

**WHO:** GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY

**WHEN:** SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 2015 @ 10 AM.

**WHERE:** OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL  
27374 STATE HIGHWAY 21 SUITE #2  
TOMAH, WI 54660

#### AGENDA:

- GCA MONTHLY REPORTS
- COMMUNITY CONCERNS
- GCA Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

**NOTE:** GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

### General Council Agency Vacancy

- Baraboo - GCA Alternate (1)
- La Crosse - GCA Alternate (1)
- Wittenberg-GCA Alternate (1)

Tribal members who are interested must be voted in by a majority vote at the monthly area meeting.

#### For more information, contact the following:

Joy Thompson, GCA Advocate at [Joy.Thompson@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Joy.Thompson@ho-chunk.com)  
Wendy Running Horse, GCA Deputy Advocate at [Wendy.Runninghorse@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Wendy.Runninghorse@ho-chunk.com)  
Julia Hopinkah Archie, GCA Secretary at [Julia.Archie@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Julia.Archie@ho-chunk.com)  
John Swimmer, GCA Attorney at [John.Swimmer@ho-chunk.com](mailto:John.Swimmer@ho-chunk.com)

The Office of the General Council provides resolution assistance.  
27374 State Highway 21 Suite #2 (P.O Box 729) Tomah, WI 54660  
Phone: (715)284-7891 Fax: (608)372-6092



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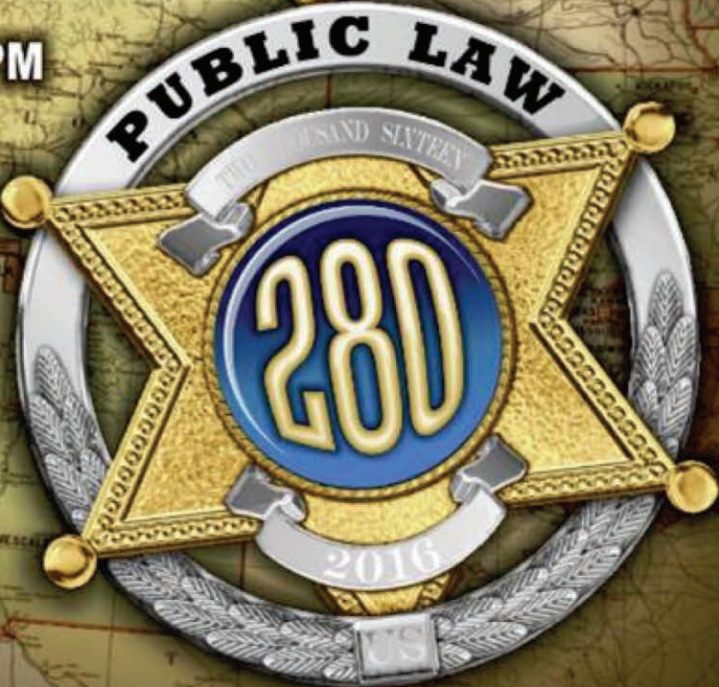
# PUBLIC LAW 280 TRAINING


## MARCH 9-10, 2016

### Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells

53214 Hwy 12, Baraboo, WI


8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Both days,  
No Cost to  
Participate,  
RSVP  
Please  
Call:  
715-284-2658  
or E-mail:  
Earl.lemieux@  
ho-chunk.com






Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
**Inter-Tribal Task Force**

## “Tall Cop” Training



"It can be hard to keep up with all the trends and practices of substance use and abuse as they are always evolving. Communities want to stop the underage drinking and drug usage in their community. After attending one of my presentations you will know what is out there, where to find it, how people are abusing it, how items have become popular and why you had not heard of it, new trends, logos, stash compartments, products, and much more along with having the knowledge to stop it!" ~ Officer Jermaine Galloway



**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

- Grand Lodge Waterpark Resort  
805 Creske Ave.  
Rothschild, WI 54474  
715-241-6300

**Who Should Attend**

- Prevention Providers and Counselors
- Law Enforcement and Probation Officers
- Educators and School Administration
- Coalition Members
- Parents

**8:30 am to 4:30 pm – Lunch Provided**  
**No Fee. Pre-Registration Requested.**

**Questions? Please contact Agnes Fleming  
at (715) 558-7750, or email [agnes.fleming@lco-nsn.gov](mailto:agnes.fleming@lco-nsn.gov)**

We would like to thank all of our special and caring family, friends and community members who expressed sympathy and provided comfort during the loss of our beloved Mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt

### Frieda June (O'Brien) Decorah ~ Maxi Ska iin ~

The outpouring of love provided us with the strength and comfort during Frieda's celebration of life.

We send special thank yous to the Ho-Chunk Nation, Tribal Aging Unit and Community Health staff for their long term support services, Pastor Ed Stigen, Darren Price, and Marlene Helgemo for their spiritual support; Torkelson Funeral Home, Warrior Clan, Richard Mann, Roberta Decorah and their helpers. The Greendeer girls for setting up the luncheon and providing laughter while sharing stories for our Wyeville days and our Whiterabbit, DeCora, Walker, O'Brien and Yellowbank relatives who came to support us.

She enjoyed a long happy life with her loving family. She is now with her loved ones in spirit.

*Peace and Love,  
From: the Decorah, Fanning, Blackdeer,  
Burnstad, Yellowbank and O'Brien Families*

## Notice of HHODA Monthly Meeting December 17, 2015

**Ho-Chunk Housing &  
Community Development Agency  
(HUD Housing)**

HHODA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Robert Funmaker, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze and John Dall. Will meet on Thursday, December 17th, 2015, at 4:00 PM, at the HHODA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Thursday, December 10th, 2015 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.



Look for the Orange Bldg.